

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 303 - SB 285

March 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals to use an identification card that contains a photograph of themselves and that was issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in Tennessee as identification on the application for a voting ballot. Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to conduct a study on the use of student identification cards for the purpose of voting. Requires the SOS to file a report on the study by January 31, 2024, to various committees within the Tennessee General Assembly and the Department of Safety, and to file a report by January 31, 2025, to the State and Local Government Committee of the Tennessee Senate and the Local Government Committee of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Federal Expenditures – \$2,000/FY23-24

Assumptions:

- The Coordinator of Elections will be able to utilize existing staff and resources within the Division of Elections to carry out the proposed study and to file the required subsequent reports.
- It is assumed that students at accredited postsecondary institutions within Tennessee are already issued student identification cards; therefore, the proposed legislation can be accomplished without any increase in expenditures from these institutions.
- The SOS would be required to reprint and redistribute educational flyers for voters with disabilities that contain important voter information.
- The cost of printing and distributing these flyer is estimated to be \$2,000 in FY23-24, which would be paid for utilizing the Help America Vote Act funds.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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